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In re the Application of: Barkats *et al.* Group Art Unit: 1632  
Serial No.: 08/776,786 Examiner: S. Priebe  
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For: Adenovirus Comprising A Gene Coding For Glutathione Peroxidase  
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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed April 5, 1999. A petition for an extension of time is attached hereto to extend the time period to reply to the Final Office Action for three (3) months up to and including October 5, 1999. Applicants request respectfully reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections in light of the following amendment and remarks.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 28-33, 37, 44-47, and 51-55 without prejudice.  
Please amend the claims as follows:

27. (Twice Amended) A replication defective recombinant adenovirus comprising [at least one DNA] a cDNA sequence encoding a human glutathione peroxidase.

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